

In the Claims

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

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27. (Amended) A combination of an expandable stent and a stent delivery system comprising:  
the stent comprises an elastic tubular lattice structure having a first end zone, a second end zone, a longitudinal direction and a radial direction, the lattice structure defining an outer diameter and an inner lumen and being formed by wall segments, which wall segments branch off at intersections, and the lattice structure being interrupted at least some of the intersections, so as to increase the flexibility of the stent, wherein the wall segments are expanded in the radial direction at least at the interrupted intersections such that, upon curvature of the stent along the longitudinal direction, a reduction of the inner lumen due to the wall segments at the interrupted intersections is prevented; and  
the stent delivery device for delivering the stent.

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

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29. (Amended) A combination in accordance with claim 27, wherein the delivery system is a system in accordance with the Seldinger technique for catheterization of bodily vessels.

REMARKS

Claims 27 and 29 have been amended for reasons not relating to a statutory requirement for patentability, as discussed more fully below. An abstract has been provided.

APPLICANT'S INVENTION

Applicant's invention is directed to a configuration for a stent adapted for placement in a body lumen, such as a blood vessel or urethra, among others. Among